# HENRY S. ALEXANDER AND SARAH MILES ALEXANDER



Henry S. Alexander was the son of Alvah and Phoebe Houston. He was born July 12, 1823, in Washington County, Vermont.

H. S. Alexander was a convert to the Mormon Church and moved to Nauvoo and remained there until the exodus in 1846. He held the rank of corporal in the Nauvoo Legion.

From Nauvoo they moved to Council Bluffs. In 1848 H. S. Alexander came to

Utah with the freight train of Livingston and Kimball, arriving in Salt Lake in September, 1848. He lived there a year and he was sent to South Mill Creek by Brigham Young to build a sawmill and he sawed the first shingles to be made in Utah.

Later he was called on a colonization mission to Carson Valley, Nevada, in the early part of 1856. During the journey across the desert the party suffered a great deal from thirst. They were three days without water. They were about exhausted from this thirst and fatigue. Enoch Reese, who was in charge of the party, turned it over to Alexander. They met an Indian who made them understand where they could find water.

H. S. Alexander went to Lehi in 1857 and from there back to Mill Creek and again took charge of the sawmill. He later went to Wanship and built another sawmill on Silver Creek. He operated that until 1869. At this mill he sawed the timber for the railroad tunnel in Echo Canyon.

In 1869 the Alexander family moved to Midway. While they lived here three children were born.

Later they moved to Heber, and from 1870 to 1901 he was second counselor to President Abraham Hatch. He was a patriarch of the Church at the time of his death which was March 6, 1903.

H. S. Alexander married Sarah Miles July 23, 1850. To this union there were born ten children:

Henry Miles Alexander
Sarah Heneretta
Lelia Naomi
William M.
Lilly May
Clara Prudence
Kate Josephine
James Monroe
Orpha Luwella
George Snyder
Charles (by another marriage)